I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

General

Relief measures in Chatram Pachari, Kilaviraraghavapuram village, Tinnevelly taluk, for damage sustained by fire.

* 680 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Chatram Pachari in the village of Kilaviraraghavapuram, Tinnevelly taluk, was burnt down to ashes, by fire, in 1931;

(*b*) how many houses were destroyed; and

(*c*) whether those afflicted by fire applied for relief to the Revenue authorities concerned; and if so, what relief was afforded to them; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A report has been called for.

Mr. M. Devadasan:—" Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place the report on the table of the House as soon as it is available? "

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" The question will be considered on receipt of the report."

Relief measures in Vannam Pachari, Aruvankulam village, Tinnevelly taluk, for damage sustained by fire.

* 681 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Vannam Pachari in Aruvankulam village in the taluk of Tinnevelly was destroyed by fire in the year 1932;

(*b*) how many houses were destroyed therein; and

(*c*) whether any relief was offered to the inmates of the village by the Government, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) A report has been called for.

Mr. M. Devadasan:—" May I repeat the same request? "

The Hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—" The hon. Member's request will be considered on receipt of the report."

Land Revenue Administration

Petitions for the remission of land revenue in the Anantapur district.

* 682 *Q.*—Mr. G. Lakshmana Reddi: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received petitions and copies of resolutions and proceedings of the ryots' conferences held at Anantapur, Hindupur, Madakasira, Gooty and other places in the district of Anantapur urging remission of land revenue in the current fasli owing to poor yield of crops due to want of timely rains; and

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(b) if so, what action the Government have taken or propose to take on the same?

A.—(a) Copies of resolutions passed on the subject at certain public meetings and by some of the local bodies in the district have been received by the Government.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to G.O. No. 2254, Revenue, dated 15th December 1933, and G.O. No. 72, Revenue, dated 10th January 1934, which have been made available to the Press. In addition to these concessions the ryots will receive those admissible under Board's Standing Order No. 13.

Alteration of the kistbandi in the Ganjam district.

* 683 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the average prices of paddy according to reports received by the Government prevailing in the district of Ganjam in each of the years 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933 from 1st January to 30th June per garce; and

(b) whether the Government have considered the prayers of the People's Association, Ganjam, and the Association of Ryotwari Landholders of Ghumsur Division to change the dates of kistbandi from December to March?

A.—(a) The prices of paddy (second sort) in the Ganjam district (Littoral, i.e., areas other than Agency) were as follows:—

	PER GARCE. RS.
1st January to 30th June 1930	246·9
,, ,, 1931	185·5
,, ,, 1932	161·3
,, ,, 1933	152·2

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 749 on 23rd March 1933 and question No. 603 on 2nd February 1934. The requests referred to were that the kistbandi should be so revised that the first kist might begin in February instead of in December. As the Government decided in June 1932 that no alteration in the kistbandi of the Ganjam district was
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Representations from South Kanara for the postponement of the resettlement operations.

* 684 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many representations and proceedings of public meetings have been received by the Government from South Kanara to postpone the resettlement and not to enhance the rates of assessment; and